

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	John Maxfield		
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(E)**

Assignee appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 18-42 in this application. Assignee does not disagree with the Examiner's characterization of what the prior art discloses, and Assignee agrees that the prior art does not disclose or suggest the inventions claimed. However, Assignee wishes to point out that the Examiner has not necessarily correctly characterized the scope of all of the allowed claims. Therefore, the Examiner's statements should not be interpreted as indicative of the scope of the claims. Instead, each claim must be interpreted pursuant to its specific language.

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